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Hi Misty,

Here's a quick rundown of what we've been up to this week.

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DETAILS

Gearing up for higher education

A child's ZIP code should never be a barrier that puts the dream of a college education out of reach. This week, I [announced an \\$11.2 million grant](#) that will offer free tutoring, college and career counseling, financial aid advice, and other college readiness services to more than 2,000 middle school students in the L.A. Promise Zone and Promise Neighborhood.

The U.S. Department of Education grant will form [GEAR UP](#), a partnership with the Youth Policy Institute and the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center and will provide students at 16 schools with access to services from sixth grade through their first year of college.

This is one more step in our work to expand educational opportunity, especially for the city's most vulnerable young people. Since 2013, our city has attracted federal investments of \$311 million in grants for the Promise Zone area — with the funds reaching 47 schools, 50 community partners, and 165,000 residents with a total investment value that matches the other 21 Promise Zones in the nation combined.

Already, 4,000 students are enrolled in the first cohort of the [LA College Promise](#), which provides free first-year community college tuition and other resources. The [LA Cash for College](#) program has connected nearly 10,000 students and their families to financial aid and college and career applications assistance every year. And [FamilySource College Corners](#), 16 of which are in operation, provide college application assistance to high school students and their parents.

Every student in Los Angeles deserves the opportunities and resources they need to stay ahead in school, be prepared for higher learning, and plan for a fulfilling, successful career. GEAR UP will make that possible for thousands of young people in our communities.

Thanks for reading! As always, I'd love to get your feedback on how we are doing on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#).

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Your Mayor

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